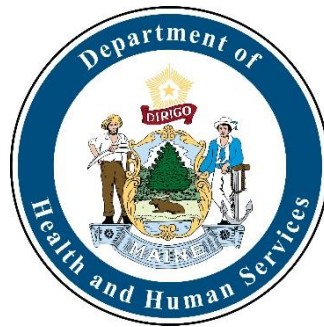


# MaineCare in Education

## Introduction to School Health-Related Services

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# What Is MaineCare?

- MaineCare (Medicaid) is a health insurance benefit for eligible individuals and families with low-income and resources. It is jointly funded by the state and federal governments, and is managed by the state.
- The program is designed to meet our members' medically necessary needs.



# How to Apply For MaineCare

To apply for MaineCare, people can:

- Walk into any of the Office For Family Independence offices  
Monday-Friday 8 a.m. - 4 p.m.
- Call to start an application at 855-797-4357, Option 8.
- TTY users can call Maine Relay 711.
- There is an online chat feature available on the MyMaineConnection site:  
<https://www1.maine.gov/benefits/account/login.html>
- Emails can be sent to [mmchelp.dhhs@maine.gov](mailto:mmchelp.dhhs@maine.gov).

# Factors that Impact Eligibility

There are a number of different MaineCare programs for which the Office For Family Independence determines eligibility. The following things are used to determine eligibility (and not necessarily in this order):

- Residency
- Family household size
- Tax filing status
- Income
- Assets
- Citizenship
- Disability



# MaineCare

## Member Responsibilities

MaineCare members have a responsibility to report changes within ten days. This includes, but is not limited to: changes in income, assets, pre-tax deductions, other household insurance coverages, household composition, and address changes.

MaineCare members are required to provide all requested verifications and complete annual eligibility reviews.



# Katie Beckett Program

## Who Is Eligible?

Children age 18 or younger who:

- Are not eligible for any other MaineCare coverage group
- Live at home (not a medical institution)
- Meet the Social Security Administration criteria for disability; and
- Need an institutional level of care, determined by Kepro

# Katie Beckett Premiums

- This is a premium-based program, so families are required to pay a fee for this benefit on a monthly basis. Fees are based on the total amount of income that comes into a household.
- Even though there is a premium, MaineCare benefits are the same for these children as they are for any other child receiving MaineCare. There is no difference in member benefits.
- Services provided to members while they are in school will not count against a member's annual utilization limit.

# Questions About MaineCare Eligibility?

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[www.maine.gov/mymaineconnection](http://www.maine.gov/mymaineconnection)



# MaineCare Member Handbook

The MaineCare Member Handbook can be found at:

<https://www.maine.gov/dhhs/oms/>

The screenshot shows the MaineCare Services website interface. At the top, there is a teal header with the text 'MaineCare Services' and 'An Office of the Maine Department of Health and Human Services'. Navigation links include 'OMS Home', 'Members', 'Providers', and 'Policies/Rules'. A search bar is located on the right. Below the header, a breadcrumb trail reads 'DHHS → OMS → Home' and the date 'Tues 2 Oct 2018' is displayed. The main content area is divided into three columns. The left column, titled 'Current Projects', lists various services such as 'Children's Services/EPSTD', 'Health Information Technology (HIT)', and 'Improving Health Outcomes for Children (IHOC)'. The middle column, titled 'Office of MaineCare Services (OMS)', lists services like 'MaineCare (also known as Medicaid)', 'Maine Rx Plus', and 'Drugs for the Elderly and Disabled'. It also includes a section 'This website offers information for:' with links to 'MaineCare Members' and 'Medical and Other Service Providers'. A red arrow points to the 'MaineCare Members' link. Below this is the 'MaineCare's Vision and Mission' section. The right column, titled 'Related Links', includes 'Maine State Innovation Model (SIM)' and 'Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services'. At the bottom of the right column is a 'Sign up for Updates' button with a message icon.

# How to Access MaineCare In Schools

At this time there are three ways in which medically necessary MaineCare services may be accessed in Maine schools:

1. IDEA Covered Services
2. School Health Clinics
3. Provider Discretion



# IDEA

## Covered Services Program

In order to be considered an IDEA service, the service must be “medically necessary” and be listed on a student’s Individualized Family Service Plan (IFSP) or Individualized Education Program (IEP).



# IDEA

## Covered Services

Covered services include:

- Physical Therapy Services
- Occupational Therapy Services
- Speech and Hearing Services, including Audiology Services
- Behavioral Health
- Rehabilitative and Community Support Services for Children with Cognitive Impairments and Functional Limitations
- Nursing Services
- Medical Evaluations
- Specialized Transportation

# IDEA Covered & Outside Services

A MaineCare member may get IDEA Covered Services  
**and**  
They may also get additional services outside of school.

# Parental Choice Consent to Bill MaineCare

Federal Medicaid regulations at 42 CFR 431.51 and section 1902(a)(23) of the Social Security Act require Medicaid beneficiaries to have the freedom to choose from all qualified providers. Therefore, Medicaid-eligible children cannot be limited to school health providers for Medicaid covered services.



# School Health-Related Services

## IEP/IFSP Documentation of IDEA Services

- MaineCare does not provide oversight for IEP compliance.
- Guidance can be found [here](#) regarding how services must be documented on the IEP to seek Medicaid reimbursement.

# Seed- What Is It?

- Per Federal CMS regulations, the Department of Education is responsible to pay the state's share of all claims submitted for IDEA services provided. There is no Seed assessment for School Health Clinic claims.
- Typically, this is 38% of each claim. This is what is called the "state's share." The federal government pays the rest of the claim.
- The State of Maine DOE pays these fees to MaineCare on behalf of school districts and CDS.
- MaineCare identifies all IDEA service claims and sends a quarterly statement to DOE listing the claim information.
- On a quarterly basis, each school district receives a statement from DOE which lists all the claims being assessed for Seed. This provides the districts an opportunity to review and make sure the claims listed are appropriately being assessed.



# Home-School Students & Parentally-Placed Private School Students

If the Local Education Agency (LEA) determines the child is eligible to receive services, once the services are in the IEP, there is potential for MaineCare reimbursement as long as the provider meets MaineCare provider requirements and is enrolled with MaineCare.



# School Health Clinics



Some School Administrative Units operate School Health Clinics in Maine. Students may receive services through these clinics and MaineCare will be billed for the services provided to MaineCare members.

Other SAUs partner with Federally Qualified Health Centers (FQHCs) to provide services.

# School Health Clinics

Covered services include preventive, diagnostic and/or therapeutic services for acute, episodic, and chronic conditions furnished by the clinic's professional staff; supplies commonly furnished for the provision of these services; and basic laboratory services essential for immediate diagnosis and treatment.

- Providers can choose what services are provided, based on the members' needs.
- Providers do not have to provide all the services listed in this policy.
- Unlike IDEA services, School Health Clinics are billed by an “encounter” and not through a fee for service allowance schedule.
- Schools have no “Seed” fee for services provided at School Health Clinics.
- Services may be provided to any MaineCare member, and to members of their families as long as they also are MaineCare eligible.

# Provider Discretion

Some MaineCare providers have permission from schools to utilize space in a school where they can provide medical services to students when these services are provided without a member having an IEP or IFSP.

# Provider Discretion

For example, a physical therapist may see a student in a school building after school, because a member's primary care physician has provided a referral for the service.

As long as the provider has followed all MaineCare guidelines, the student may potentially receive services at the school instead of the therapist's office location.



# Provider Discretion

Although the service is taking place at a school, this is not considered an IDEA Covered Service because the referral was not a result of services being listed on an IEP or an IFSP, provided through IDEA.

The referral has been made from the member's primary care physician who determined it was medically necessary for the member to receive the medical service.



# Transition Services for Members

- MaineCare's State Plan allows for children's services to be provided through age 20.
- This means that MaineCare members age 21 and over who are in need of health-related services must access adult services.
- Although the Maine Department of Education recently updated guidance for all School Administrative Units in the state, requiring Special Education services to be provided through age 21, it does not change federal or state regulations regarding the provision of Medicaid services.

# Transition Services for Members

- All enrolled school providers by contract are allowed to provide services to members through age 20. This means that in order for MaineCare to reimburse a provider for a Covered Service, a member who is 21 must be seen by a MaineCare-enrolled provider who holds a contract as a Provider Type other than/or in addition to a school Provider Type.
- Members may contact Member Services or their Primary Care Physician (PCP) for referrals.
- Schools will not be reimbursed for any services provided to student members 21 or older.



# Home and Community-Based Support Waivers

Section 18 - Home and Community Based Services for Members with Brain Injury

Section 19 - Home and Community Benefits for the Elderly and for Adults with  
Disabilities

Section 20 - Home and Community Based Services for Adults with Other Related  
Conditions

Section 21 - Home and Community Based Services for Adults with Intellectual  
Disabilities or Autism Spectrum Disorder

Section 29 - Support Services for Adults with Intellectual Disabilities or Autism  
Spectrum Disorder

# Transition Services

## Frequently Asked Questions

Are members ages 21 and 22 able to receive Section 28 (Rehabilitative and Community Supports Services for Children with Cognitive Impairments and Functional Limitations) or Section 65 Children's Behavioral Health Day Treatment services?

No. The provision of these services is limited to members under the age of 21.

# Transition Services Frequently Asked Questions

Can a member access waiver services while receiving Children's Behavioral Health Day Treatment Services?

Yes, until the member reaches the age of 21.

# Transition Services Frequently Asked Questions

Can a member access the "Community Support" service provided under the Sections 21 or 29 while still in high school?

No.

# Transition Services Frequently Asked Questions

Can Home and Community Based Service waiver services be provided in a school setting?

No. A member receiving education services from a school district cannot receive waiver services at the same time they are receiving education services, as the school district has the responsibility for meeting the member's needs during that time.

# MaineCare Resources

Please visit MaineCare's [web page](#) for School Health-Related Services.

Here you will find:

- MaineCare in Education Provider Billing Guide
- Links to MaineCare's E-Message Subscription
- Sign-Up Link for the MaineCare in Education Microsoft Team for Virtual Meeting and Training Opportunities
- Joint DHHS/MDOE Guidance Documents
- Fact Sheets
- Other Resources for School Administrators

# Questions?

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